

Charter and Ordinance Review Committee
Meeting Minutes
January 19, 2012

The Bethany Beach Charter and Ordinance Review Committee held a meeting on Thursday, January 19, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. in the Town Meeting Room.

Members present: Chuck Peterson, Chairman, who presided; Mike Boswell; Mary Sue Forestieri; Bruce Frye; and Fulton Loppatto.

Excused member: Lonny Moore

Also present: Councilperson, Lew Killmer; Lindsey Good, Administrative Secretary.

Call to Order

Mr. Peterson called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Boswell made a motion to approve the agenda. Ms. Forestieri seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Approval of Minutes from November 17, 2011 Meeting

Mr. Boswell made a motion to approve the minutes dated November 17, 2011. Seconded by Mr. Loppatto, the motion was unanimously approved.

Update on November Recommendations

Mr. Peterson reported that he created a white paper on the issues that were addressed at the November meeting and sent it to the Town Manager, Cliff Gravier and then met with him. The meeting went very well, and the Town is already aware of the issues.

He noted that for in the future, if there is an issue that is not related to CORC, it is to be passed on to the appropriate staff or Committee.

A New Task on Recycling Bins

Mr. Peterson explained that this issue of recycling bins was an important concern of residents who attended the Coffee with Council meeting in November. Council has asked CORC to look at the issue to see if the Committee could recommend a solution to the current unsightly situation. He asked the members if they have any ideas for way to resolve the issue of where and how the recycling bins should be stored.

Mr. Killmer noted that he spoke with the governor, and it is not possible to change the size of the recycling bins because of the regulation in the Delaware State Code.

Mr. Killmer made a suggestion to create a paid service that would be responsible for storing the bins in a better location.

Mr. Boswell made an additional suggestion to have a one-time fee, and have the Public Works Department place the bins where they belong.

Mr. Killmer emphasized that the Town received grant funds for recycling, and are unable to raise the rates for the next three (3) years.

Mr. Boswell stated that recycling should not cost the Town anything.

Mr. Killmer suggested that the Town could store all of the bins for residents that leave Town during the off-season.

Mr. Peterson stated that this item will be on the agenda for discussion for next month.

Any New Business

Mr. Boswell explained that he drafted the following ordinance, which states:

“Any structure, material or vegetation which is placed within the Town right of way, which obstructs any operation or adds to the cost of the Town in performing work, including maintenance, repair or construction of the facilities located in the Town’s right of way. Removal and or replacement of such structure, material or vegetation shall be at the expense of the property owner. Grass or gravel shall be excluded.”

Mr. Boswell stated that he frequently witnesses driveways being paved on Oakland Avenue, and he is concerned that the Town covers the cost of driveways being paved.

Mr. Killmer explained that the majority of the expense to re-pave streets in the Town is funded by the State.

Mr. Boswell emphasized that he feels an ordinance should be established nevertheless, stating that any black-top, concrete or pavers removal or replacement of driveways and any other permanent obstruction be at the expense of the property owner.

After some discussion, it was decided that Mr. Boswell will draft a revised ordinance with input from Ms. Frederick on the correct verbiage.

Mr. Peterson will put this issue on the agenda for the next meeting to be discussed.

Adjourn

Ms. Forestieri made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Boswell seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:46 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 15, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. Mr. Peterson noted that all future meetings will take place on the third Thursday of each month at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Lindsey Good, Administrative Secretary